

SOLE SURVIVOR OF DISASTER AT SEA TELLS HIS STORY

When French Steamer Struck Reef Terrific Explosion Followed and Ship and Passengers Were Blown to Atoms—Three American Performers on Ill Fated Vessel.

(Special from United Press.)
Marseilles, Feb. 12.—An anguished crowd besieged the offices of the French Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company today, hoping against hope that there might be news of more survivors than the two reported saved from the steamer General Chanzy, which foundered Thursday night in the channel between the Minorca and Mallorca Islands.
The latest news, however, showed that the tragedy was as complete as early reports indicated. General Secretary Houd read a message from the French Consul at Palma, Mallorca, to the wildly excited crowd, that there was but one survivor, a passenger named Bladex from Marseilles. It is known that there was one other man, Marcel Morel, an Algerian customs official, who was washed ashore, clinging to a piece of wreckage. Morel is now in a hospital at Ciudadela, Majorca, recovering from his terrible experience.
The people were so overcome with grief that an attempt was made to wreck the steamship company's offices, but a heavy police guard drove the crowd back.
There were 37 passengers on the General Chanzy and crew of 70, making the total death list 155. The register of the General Chanzy shows that three American vaudeville performers, Elsie Heney, Leon Deyenda and Thomas Green, the latter two being a team of jugglers, sailed on the ship last Wednesday.
The completeness of the wreck of the vessel was due to an explosion of its boilers. The boat was blown to pieces before sinking. The pieces of wreckage picked up are all small, indicating that the explosion tore the vessel to bits and it is probable that many of the victims were killed by the explosion.
Some of the General Chanzy mail sacks which were washed ashore today were badly burned, showing the effects of the explosion. The scene of

PAIGE DELIVERS THE GOODS WATER COMPANY WINS FIGHT

EVERY REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF APPOINTMENT AND TWO DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS HOLD FAST FOR THE IN- EQUITOUS 20 YEAR CONTRACT

Hats Off to "Boss" Paige, the Wizard of Politics, Who Knows How—Phelan, Osborne and Goodsell Fight the Battle of the People, But the Odds Are Too Great to Be Overcome—Loewith and Vincent Voted With the Corporationists—Pierce and Loewith Repudiate Democratic Platform

Paige delivered the goods.
This is the story of last night's meeting of the Tax Board. Friday night the board adjourned in a panic, six members favoring the 20 year water contract having discovered that they lacked strength to renew its odious provisions for another year.
One vote was needed. Two votes provisionally arrived. Providence and Paige usually work hand in hand. It was so in the General Assembly, when Paige was the costliest star that ever shone in a legislative sky. It was so in the Common Council in 1906, when the infamous instrument was created in haste and indecency.
The vote was eight to three. S. Loewith and S. E. Vincent joining the majority.
Six were votes of Republicans. Two were votes of men who were put on the board as Democrats, and whose vote the corporationists counted on. The direction of the party which had honored them with positions of trust, but had said to them, in platform utterances extending over three years, that the Democratic party believed the 20 year contract to be an instrument injurious to the people, a dishonor to the city, and something that should be terminated.
But Paige delivers the goods. What, when Paige is busy, is the solemn order of a party, solemnly made in the presence of a hundred thousand people, to a member of that party honored by it with place.
When Paige gets busy things happen. Especially do things happen in the corporation ridden Republican party, for after all even Paige could not procure the assent of a majority of the Democrats on the board.
If Mr. Pierce and Mr. Loewith, so-called Democrats, voted not to renew the contract for another year, John J. Phelan, Zalmom Goodsell and Stephen F. Osborne, who are also Democrats, voted against it, and Mr. Phelan, in a straightforward speech declared that the city of Bridgeport is entitled to a supply of water for public purposes free of charge.
Mr. Phelan also showed the continuance of the city of Bridgeport means through 20 years a loss of about \$1,000,000 to the city.
But all his truth, his eloquence, and his justice, did not prevent Paige from delivering the goods.
The stage had been carefully set. The attempt to write the appropriation into the list of appropriations had been detected, the item was politely removed.
Then Mr. Cooper produced a contract with 1882 with the water company, to which contract Mr. Phelan was a party, representing the city. With much eclat it was indicated that this contract did not provide for free water.
So much of the drama was wasted, however, because Mr. Phelan promptly responded that the rates in that contract were as low as any city enjoyed in 1882.
The right of New Haven to free water, he said, began in 1801. The right of Bridgeport to free water did not begin until some other city was supplied with free water in 1882.
This bomb exploded with a pop, City Auditor Keating was entitled to be permitted to take the burden of the contract upon his own shoulders.
"I did not expect to make a speech," he said, "but the situation is such that I have a large bundle of notes, from which he made an address that had evidently been carefully prepared.
His address was that the terms of the 20 year contract are better than any terms the city had before obtained.
This was so Mr. Phelan had already said, in opening his own speech. He affirmed it again, in his remarks in rebuttal, saying: "It was not the duty of the committee to make a better contract, but the best contract."
This city is entitled to a supply of water free of charge. The people of this city expect that the property of this company should be listed at its full value.
"I believe that Mr. Keating and the other members of the committee meant to do right, but they are wrong."
After hearing Mr. Keating, two members of the board, whose position was known to be that they favored a renewal of the contract, became "converted."
Incidentally arrangements have been made, it is said, with a portion of the press to describe the auditor's speech as a great white light.
As a matter of fact the speech, as an explanation of the 20 year instrument, was much inferior to the report which the committee made to the council, when it recommended the contract.
The report was carefully considered and consistently put together and is probably the best defense of the contract that will ever appear, yet it contained abundant evidence that the committee was exceedingly unconscious of the true import and effect of its work.
The final bit of stage business came when Mr. Phelan said that the contract was determined that the contract should be renewed for a year.
S. E. Vincent then produced a letter from the city, the substance of the letter was this: The company will not confer with the city about the contract. The company is much annoyed because there are people who do not like the contract. The demonstrations against the contract must positively cease. Otherwise the company will demand a lawsuit.
Inasmuch as the action of the Tax Board barred the possibility of a lawsuit over the contract for at least a year, the sardonic humor of the letter is evident.
The one fact that stands out clearly is that Paige is not a "dead one." He can still deliver the goods. His argument for the contract was positively the ablest argument in favor of that instrument he has yet made.
It is to be regretted that the meeting of the tax board, could not have

NEXT OF KIN NUMBER 28 AND PUZZLE WILDE

Administrator of Lucy J. Murphy Estate Ask Court to Determine Manner of Distribution

The Heirs Are Collateral and Assignment of Their Several Portions Is Problem in Which Help of Judge Is Sought.

Jonathan Wilde, the local real estate dealer, is in a quandary as to the distribution of the estate of Lucy J. Murphy, late of this city of which he is administrator de bonis non. There are so many heirs at law, of various degrees of relationship, that he has applied to the Superior Court for help in the distribution.
Mrs. Murphy died Feb. 25, 1895, leaving a will in which she bequeathed all her personal and real property to her husband Michael Murphy and her daughter, on their death it was to go to the next kin. At the time of the probating of the will, James Levery, who was qualified as sole executor, but resigned on Feb. 12, 1902, at which time Mr. Wilde qualified as administrator de bonis non, and has acted in that capacity ever since.
Since Mrs. Murphy's death her husband and her daughter have passed away. Under the will the estate was to be divided among the next of kin. The claimants are Ann Bell, Kate Feeney, John Feeney, Margaret Murphy, Mary McKenzie, Nellie O'Neill, Ellen Echehan, Julia Dolan, James Rowe, Ellen Rowe, Joseph Collins, Mary Ann Buckley, James Sullivan, John Sullivan, Ellen Delaney, Mary A. Devitt, James Levery, Kate Kildare, Robert G. Levery, Anna Finlan, John A. Poland, Alexander C. Poland, Margaret Sullivan, John Kennedy, and Kate Croft, all of this city; Ellen Kane of Bristol; John O'Neill of New Haven and Alexander Shirley Levery of New York.

CONTRACTOR HELD FOR ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT MURDER

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Entering a formal demurrer to avoid a prolonged preliminary hearing in the city court, Frank Fiorintino, the mason contractor of 65 Hallett street, charged with assault with intent to murder, was held for trial in the Superior Court today in bail of \$3,000. His victim, Alfred Christiano, occupied a bench in the prisoners' pen, being brought from St. Vincent's hospital long enough to testify if needed. At the close of the hearing Fiorintino and Christiano were taken away from police headquarters in the auto-patrol wagon, the accused to jail to await the Superior Court trial, and the victim to St. Vincent's hospital where his wound is receiving attention. They did not speak during their trip.
Four arrests in the police round-up of the participants in the game of morra that led to the shooting on the night of Feb. 3, were held to bail from \$50 to \$300 for breach of the peace, their cases being continued until March 5 to insure their presence in the city when wanted. All were charged with assault with intent to murder, on Howard avenue. Fiorintino, whose friends are striving to secure a bond that he may resume his occupation, Christiano is under surveillance at St. Vincent's, his best friends of the accused should notice him away.

DETECTIVE HALL NABS BURGLAR

In the arrest of Stephen Colby of Lenox avenue, aged 21, better known among his associates as "the Zulu," Detective Hall is believed to have captured the ring leader of a gang of junk thieves who looted the shop of the Bridgeport Junk Co. in Sterling street, last Tuesday night. Several hundred pounds of scrap metal were carried away, probably with a wagon. "The Zulu" has made a partial confession. He is charged with burglary.

SAVED LIVES OF 17 MEN TODAY

Sensational Rescue of Crew of Foundered Ships In Icy Gale

Behind a Mist that Hid the Wrecked Ship from View Unseen Hands Gath- ered the Life Lines and Rigged the Apparatus

(Special from United Press.)
New York, Feb. 12.—Through gigantic waves laden with ice and cut by sleet, 17 men slid along a narrow line from their wrecked vessel to safety at Sandy Hook early today. They formed the crews of the two fishing schooners, the Franklin B. Nelson and the Libby, which are now breaking to pieces off the life saving station. While heavy driving snow hid everything beyond the line of breakers at the life saving station early today, a stevedore was attracted by what he thought was a falling star several hundred yards off shore. He gave it no thought until a second "star" appeared in the same direction. A third and fourth "star" appeared, and it became evident that it was a distress signal.
The sleet, carried by a driving wind, cut the faces of the life savers and heavy gloves, soaked with the spray from the gunwales of the boats. The first boat launched topped a huge wave and a second wave caught it and threw it back. Again and again futile efforts were made to get the boats through the pounding combers. The firing gun was brought out. After several attempts a line was passed to the vessel. This was pulled in by unseen hands.
After the light line went a heavier one which travelled out through the breakers disappearing in the spume. In five minutes came a signal and the men were pulled on the buoy line. In a moment a man appeared struggling in the spray which dashed around his body, at times hiding him completely. The shoreward he was rushed to the station for warmth and treatment. Again the buoy shot out into the darkness and returned with a man. Six more trips were made and the last man whispered that there were no more.
Hardly had the eight been beached when a second shower of "stars" attracted the patrolman's attention. Again an unavailing effort was made to launch the boats and again the line and breeches-buoy had to be used. Nine men were thus saved from the second vessel.
The schooner Nelson, it is said, will be a total wreck but the Libby may be saved.

MR. GOODSSELL ADVOCATES EXTENDING SECOND DISTRICT

Tax Rate of 17.5 Mills Necessary to Meet Amounts Placed Upon the Preliminary List

The tax rate in the city, on the Grand List of 1909, will be 17.5 mills, if there are no changes in the preliminary list made, last night, by the Tax Board, the preliminary rates are 8.5 mills in the First District and 9 mills in the Second District.
By the corrected figures agreed upon by the Assistant City Clerk Giff and President French of the Board of Apportionment this morning are as follows:
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"At first I was opposed to placing the entire charge for lighting in the First district, as proposed by Mr. Cooper. But I have looked into the matter since and I want to say that I withdraw the objections that I had. The condition that exists is that the Second district pays 19.20 of the cost of First district lights and the same proportion on other items, like sewers, macadam roads, sewers, roads and bridges. This condition cannot be altogether avoided, but I would suggest that the street committee of the Common Council take some action to have the Common Council appropriate to the next legislature to have the Second district extended to the line of the First district, which will leave \$1,754 for the Second district will pay, but it is more equitable than the old way. There are also some sections in the Second district where there are no improvements, because of lowland and marshes, where only a First District tax should be levied."

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- WANTED.—Man to drive truck, 592 Water St. B 12 b * p
- WANTED.—Girl to assist in care of children, 764 North Ave. B 12 b * p
- DR. MANSFIELD, 201 Meigs Bldg., can cure without pain your warts, corns and bunions. a *
- 2 NICE FURNISHED ROOMS about 10 minutes walk from center. Inquire 103 Barnum avenue. B 12 d * p
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- BE YOUR OWN BOSS, make \$4 per day silvering mirrors; write for free booklet, Schaefer Supply Co., 18 E. Seventh St., Cincinnati, Ohio. a *
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- SIXTY CENTS will start you in business. A brand new specialty. Agents coming money. Write for particulars, Frumby Supply Co., Box 1466, New Haven, Conn. a *
- FOR SALE.—New two family house on Bishop Ave. near the new factory of the Whiting Silver Co. D. R. Whitney, 1025 Main St. B 12 b * o
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- FOR RENT.—Large light room with ante-room. Suitable for club or for light manufacturing purposes. Model Laundry, 109 Main St. B 11 b * p
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- FOR SALE.—Several slightly used up right pianos which were taken in exchange. \$125 and up. The M. Steinert & Sons Co., 915 Main St. B 11 r * o
- WANTED.—By a respectable hard working man 42, the acquaintance of an English lady, about 30, married, with a good education. General Delivery, Post Office, Bridgeport, Conn. B 11 b * p
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- FOR SALE.—Handsome upright piano, Ebonized case, in fine condition. Steinert's guarantee. Was \$400, now \$125. Easy payments if desired. The M. Steinert & Sons Co., 915 Main St. B 11 r * o
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- MEN AND WOMEN make big money selling our household specialty. Best results, no matter how big the market. Don't delay. Write at once. The Lamont Mfg. Co., Box 629, Portland, Me. a *
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- OPPORTUNITY—A chance to invest in a local enterprise that will pay good returns. Investigate. P. O. Box 693. A 18 * t f o
- BRIDGEPORT Housecleaning Bureau. Ashes, rubbish removed. 482 Newfield avenue. Telephone 1316-5. Ralph L. Miller, Prop. G 2 t f o
- A SPECIAL BARGAIN—A new up-right piano \$165; a good second hand upright \$80. Other bargains. Dial & Lee Music Co., 84 Cannon St. B 2 * t f o
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- WANTED.—500 persons to attend soiree and Kappan Fest, given by the Bakers' Union, No. 38, at Germania Hall, Saturday, Feb. 12. Tickets 15 cents person. B 10 s * p o
- FOR SALE.—Block of 46 rooms, rent for \$135 per year. Good building property and a widow can't take care of same. Address Farmer office. T 2 t f o
- AUTOMOBILE BARGAINS—Maxwell Runabout \$200. Columbia Touring Car \$200. Ford, 147 Ann St. B 9 * o
- WILLIAM J. MEAD, Rents, Real Estate and Insurance. Room 210 Newfield Building. Telephone 225-4. B 9 * t f o
- WANTED.—Women and small girls on paper box making. Special inducements to learners on this work. Apply at Box Department Office, The Warner Brothers Company, Warren and Atlantic Sts. B 9 d * o
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